

CLARKE COURIER

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Prizes of the East.

Chicago Record: The great prize of the East for which Great Britain and Russia have been playing a deep game of diplomacy ever since the Chinese-Japanese war is the vast and fertile valley of the Yangtse-Kiang. This is one of the great rivers of the world, and, as a writer from Kiu-Kiang in the London Times says, it will compare with the Amazon for length, with the Mississippi for volume, with the St. Lawrence for navigability, and with any river of the world, not accepting the Nile, for muddy sediment, "sowing the seed of continents to be." It scatters this sediment over a wonderful rich area as large as Ireland and has supported millions of people since the dawn of history. The river itself is navigable for ocean-going vessels for hundreds of miles and for vessels of but little lighter draft for more than a 1,000 miles. Even under the unenterprising government of Peking this river has always been a great commercial highway, but under the progressive rule or influence of the British it would soon develop a commerce that would be a surprise to the world. The Yangtse basin supports probably 200,000,000 people and is by far the richest and most productive part of China. With English domination of the Yangtse basin the capitol of China would probably be removed to Nanking, in the "old middle kingdom," which is the real center of Chinese power. The natives who live in this region have proved to be the least tractable as regards foreigners, but Great Britain would be able, if any power can, to make over and transform or modify national characteristics and thus fashion a new force for the development of the Orient.

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Available Testimony.

A story told by Major Menzies is being circulated through the offices in the State House, of a Vincennes lawyer who appeared for the defendant in a trial by jury and put on the witness stand a boy from whose testimony he expected to gain a great deal. To the confusion of the attorney, the story told by the boy was greatly to the detriment of the defendant, and the attorney set to work to show that the boy was "worthless."

"What is your occupation," he asked the boy.

"I work on my father's farm," the witness replied.

"You don't do much but sit around, do you?"

"Well, I help my father."

"But you are worthless, aren't you?" was the attorney's devious question.

"I don't know whether I am or not," retorted the witness warmly.

Then the attorney took another tack. "Your father's a worthless man, isn't he?"

"Well, he works about the farm."

The attorney here fastened an eye which gleamed with triumph on the jury and nailed the boy with a glance from the other and said:

"Isn't it true that your father doesn't do enough work to prevent his being called worthless?"

The boy had chafed under these unpleasant questions, and, summoning his courage, he said loudly, "If you want to know so bad whether my father's worthless, ask him: there he is, on the jury."

Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. W. Richardson.

How They Speak When They Meet.

"How can you?" that's Swede.

"How do you are?" that's Dutch.

"How do you stand?" that's Italian.

"God go with senor?" that's Spanish.

"How do you live on?" that's Russian.

"How do you perspire?" that's Egyptian.

"Howdy, do?" that's American.

"Thank God, how are you?" that's Arabian.

"May thy shadow never grow less!" that's Persian.

"How do you carry yourself?" that's French.

"Be under the guard of God?" that's Ottoman.

"How is your stomach?" that's Chinese.

The contract for tobacco for the navy was awarded last week to Butler & Boshor, of Richmond, at 42 cents per pound. The contract calls for 200,000 pounds, the delivery to begin Jan. 1st.

The Philippine Islands.

The Philippine Islands are a large and important group of the Malay Archipelago, forming its N. division, and, next to Cuba, the most valuable colonial possession of Spain, chiefly between latitude 5 32 and 19 38 N. and longitude 117 and 126 E., having N. and E. the Pacific ocean, W. the China and Sooloo seas, and S. the sea of Celebes. There are about 1,200 islands in all, of which 408 are inhabited. The principal islands are Luzon, Mindanao and Palawan, with Mindoro, Panay, Negros, Zebu, Bohol, Leyte, Samar, Macbate, and many of less size. The total area is estimated at about 115,528 square miles, and the population at about 8,000,000. The islands are of volcanic formation, traversed by a chain of mountains from north to south, rising in some of them to 6,000 feet, and some of these are still active volcanoes. The coasts of most of them are deeply indented by the sea, and the larger islands are well watered by large streams, with estuaries affording excellent harbors. Earthquakes are of frequent occurrence. The group is within the range of the monsoons, and violent hurricanes are common. From May to September the west coasts are deluged with rain, while the October monsoon brings rain to the east coasts, which are at other seasons dry. The high temperature and abundance of moisture produces a luxuriant vegetation, so that they are capable of yielding all kinds of colonial and probably European produce. Rice, millet, maize, sugar, indigo, hemp, tobacco, coffee and cotton are raised; and sago, coconuts, bananas, cinnamon, betel, numerous fine fruits, timber for shipbuilding, and dye woods, are among the products.

The sooner a cough or cold is cured without harm to the sufferer the better. Lingered colds are dangerous. Hacking cough is distressing. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures it. Why suffer when such a cough cure is within reach? It is pleasant to the taste. W. Richardson.

AN AWFUL WOUND.—"The worst wound I saw at Santiago," said one of the New Orleans nurses, "was not at all dangerous. The man was a gunner in the Second Artillery. I forgot his name, but he was a tall, handsome chap, with large, dark eyes, black hair and a wavy black moustache—a perfect picture of a soldier. A scrap of shell came along on the second day's fight and zipped right past his face, taking off his upper lip as clean as a knife. If he had been in a city the surgeons might have done something for him, but it would have needed days of patient work and fine aseptic conditions, and a hundred other things ridiculous to think about on a battlefield where scores of desperately wounded men were waiting for their turn on the table. So there was nothing for it but to bandage him up and leave him with a disfigurement that would make him a horror for life. In a week or so he was practically well, but my heart bled for him. He had been married lately to a very beautiful woman, and he dreaded to go back. It would have been a thousand times better if he had lost a leg or an arm, and he realized it fully. He was the image of despair. I don't know what became of him. War is an awful thing."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

When you ask for De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. W. Richardson.

VENTILATING POULTRY HOUSES.—Chicken "cranks" in a great many cases are generally very enthusiastic over the matter of ventilating the houses in which poultry are kept, and many are the schemes practiced in order to accomplish this end. Ventilation is an excellent thing, though I believe that on the majority of farms, and especially at this season of the year, a little more attention should be paid in trying to determine how not to ventilate. And this not only applies to the poultry house but also to the barns. Give this matter your time from now on till spring, for without a doubt there has been far more birds killed by the over-ventilation than the under-ventilation. During the colder months it is almost impossible to have a chicken house too warm, and all the fresh air the birds will need is more than likely to find its way into the house in some shape or manner.—Weekly Witness.

In a store at Virgilina, Halifax county last week, a white man reprimanded a colored youth for impudence, and following an exchange of hot words the negro was knocked down. A row followed between the whites and blacks during which eight, and possibly more, of the negroes were wounded, but not seriously.

The Virginia Rolls.

Mr. Lamb and Mr. Hay both have introduced bills in the United States House of Representatives seeking to secure for Virginia the privilege of copying her muster-rolls, now on file in the War Department.

We are glad to see their zeal in this matter. It is quite possible that the President and Secretary of War could of their own motion relax the "rule" of the department, which is in our pathway; but the steps taken by our congressmen will elicit full information upon this subject, and we believe will be successful.

All that Virginia wishes is the privilege of copying her own rolls. This she can do at a cost of about \$5000, whereas the departmental prices for certified copies would be about \$45,000. Whether it would be better for us to make copies by photography, or by the use of typewriting machines, or by hand, is a matter for discussion after the government's permit has been given. But we feel sure the permit will be granted.

Mr. McKinley and his friends, who have thought the moment opportune to say such nice things about our heroic dead and the loyalty of the South in the war just closed, cannot refuse the privilege of placing in the State's archives the roster of the living and dead who represented Virginia in the Confederate army.

It may be said that if the government should give its consent to Virginia it could not refuse to other States a like privilege. We suppose not; but there are only a few States that have not already compiled their war records, and the Federal Government would better aid them in that work than throw obstacles in their way.

For Virginia to have copies of the hundreds of rolls that are now among the captured archives of the Confederate Government in Washington would be for her to possess a treasury of information interesting to nearly every man, woman and child in this State. She has no other State papers comparable in value to these. So we say God speed the work our congressmen have undertaken.—Richmond Dispatch.

What is commonly known as heart disease is frequently an aggravated form of Dyspepsia. Like all other diseases resulting from indigestion, it can be cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It digests what you eat. W. Richardson.

RIOT IN HAVANA.—Three Cubans were killed and one Spanish officer and two Cubans were wounded last week in Havana in an affray between some Spanish officers on duty and a number of citizens and a party of Cubans, who wished to close the Tacon Theater on account of the death of General Garcia at Washington. The Spanish troops on duty intervened and restored order. After the news of General Garcia's death spread through Havana the Cubans wished to have all the places of amusement closed. They succeeded in closing two places frequented by Cubans, but the management of the Tacon Theater, where there were many Spanish officers among the audience, refused to close the theater. Thereupon, Allegrette, a former captain of insurgent troops, got into an excited argument with the manager of the theater, and Allegrette was escorted to the sidewalk by the police on duty. There he entered into a heated discussion with a Spanish officer, who struck him across the face with the flat of his sword, which precipitated the rioting. After some thrilling scenes, in which some American officers had narrow escapes from stray bullets, order was restored.

When you have eaten too much, or when you suffer from any form of Dyspepsia or indigestion, remember that Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It cures the worst forms of Dyspepsia. W. Richardson.

A story is told of a prompt and witty retort made by an Irish drover to a remark of the present Solicitor-General, Sir Robert Finlay, Q. C., M. P. Once when in Ireland, Sir Robert—when Mr. Finlay—met a drover proceeding with a number of cattle to a fair in the South. "Where are you going to?" said the eminent barrister.

"To Waterford Fair, your honor."

"Indeed? And how much do you expect to get for your beasts?" said the Q. C.

"Shure, an' ave I get £8 the head I shall not do badly," replied Pat.

"Ah, that's a sample of your country!" said Sir Robert. "Now, take these heifers to England, and you average £14 a head."

"Just so, yer honor," said Pat, promptly; "and av yez were to take the Lakes of Killarney to purgatory, yez would get a guinea a drop."

Rev. J. B. Funsten, of Norfolk, has not yet announced his intention as to whether or not he will accept the Episcopal bishopric of Boise, Idaho.

A Lawyer Complimented.

Jim Webster was being tried for bribing a colored witness, Sam Johnson, to testify falsely.

"You say the defendant offered you \$50 to testify in his behalf?" asked the lawyer of Sam.

"Yes, sah."

"Now, repeat what he said, using his exact words."

"He said he would gib me \$50 if I—"

"He didn't speak in the third person, did he?"

"No, sah; he tuck good care dat dar was no third person round; dar was only two—us two."

"I know that, but he spoke to you in the first person, didn't he?"

"I was de fust person myself, sah."

"You don't understand me. When he was talking to you, did he say, 'I will pay you \$50?'"

"No, sah; he didn't nothin' 'bout you payin' me \$50. Your name wasn't mentioned, 'ceptin' he told me ef ever I got into a scrape you was de best lawyer in San Antonio to fool de judge and jury—in fac' you was de bes' in town to cover up reskelity."

For a brief, breathless moment, the trial was suspended.

PRODUCING GOOD GRAPES.—A French agricultural journal gives the method by which a vine grower of Touraine is said to produce magnificent grapes. He dissolves two kilograms of sulphate of iron in 100 liters of water and sprinkles it on the leaves and bunches of the vines. The first application is made when the grapes are about one-third their full size, the second about a month later and the third about twenty days before they are cut. It is asserted that corresponding results are obtained with pears, apples and cherries. The method is inexpensive and the journal quoted recommends a trial, though it does not guarantee the success of the treatment in all cases.

A cough is not like a fever. It does not have to run a certain course. Cure it quickly and effectively with One Minute Cough Cure, the best remedy for all ages and for the most severe cases. We recommend it because it's good. W. Richardson.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World writes that Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, is preparing an amendment to the peace treaty, declaring that it is the purpose of the United States not to exercise sovereignty over the Philippine archipelago. The opposition to empire is rapidly crystallizing, he thinks. "In all it is hoped to muster for the amendment ten Republican senators and the entire minority—except Lindsey, of Kentucky; Morgan, of Alabama, and Gray, of Delaware." So he says.

In connection with the recent burning of St. Agnes' Roman Catholic Church on East Forty-third street, New York, a strange feature of the fire was that all the statues and painting of St. Agnes in the church, as well as the relics of the saint enshrined there, escaped flame, smoke and water. Not only were the relics of the saint saved, but the white marble statuette of St. Agnes, which stood beneath the shrine, also came through the fire uninjured by either smoke or flame.

Constipation prevents the body from ridding itself of waste matter. De Witt's Little Early Risers will remove the trouble and cure Sick Headache, Biliousness, Inactive Liver and clear the complexion. Small, sugar coated, don't gripe or cause nausea. W. Richardson.

The recent race trouble in Illinois has effectually settled the mixed school question in that State. For years past that question has been continually springing up in different parts of the State, but never until recently was it submitted to a jury. Then it was decided, by the white men who composed the jury, that as there were negro schools, negroes must send their children to them, or not send them at all, as they should not be admitted into the white schools.

Governor Tyler is embarrassed by the refusal of the government authorities to refund the \$3,900 used in equipping the Virginia regiments sent to the war. The money for this purpose was taken out of the Governor's contingent fund, which almost depletes it. Senator Daniel brought the matter to the attention of Congress.

Mr. George E. Wise, a young member of the Richmond bar, was fined \$20 by Judge Wickham in the Henrico county court last week for tardiness in arriving for appearance as counsel for Thomas Green, a negro, charged with stealing a mule.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Hiden, one of the leading Baptist ministers of the South, has tendered his resignation as pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond.

Small Farms.

The attention of those wishing to purchase a small farm in the fertile county of Clarke is called to the following list: 90 Acres, half mile from turnpike; good house, stabling, cistern and large young orchard. \$45 an acre.

100 Acres first quality limestone land, fairly improved; on turnpike, near depot, store and postoffice. \$75 an acre.

Dwelling of 8 rooms, large lot, stable, &c., for \$2000.

House and lot of 1 acre, 2 miles from Berryville on turnpike, \$500.

Farm of 400 Acres 4 1/2 miles south of Berryville—3 miles from H. Wood—large Brick Dwelling, tenant house, barn, &c., 45 acres of Timber, Spring and bold stream of water through the center of the farm. 100 acres of No. 1 river bottom. One of the most productive as well as one of the best stock farms in Clarke county. Price \$40 per acre.

Farm of 1054 acres near Wickliffe, of No. 1 land, under good fencing. Price \$45 per acre.

Farm of 70 acres near Boyce, good dwelling and out buildings at fair price. House and lot of 1 1/2 acres on turnpike two miles north of Berryville. House has 6 rooms, out kitchen, smoke house, small barn with stabling for 6 head of stock, good fruit, cistern at door and well of water 50 feet therefrom. Price \$1000.

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500 ACRES—Located on east side of Shenandoah river, 4 miles from White Post. 200 acres cleared; 50 acres of island and river bottom and 40 acres of run bottom; equal to the river bottom. Good Dwelling, Barn, Stabling, corn crib, &c.; running water and well in the yard; good orchard. Susceptible of division, and if desired will be sold in separate tracts. Price for whole tract \$12 per acre. Apply to SNYDER & CROWN.

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CLARKE COUNTY, VA.,

Lies at the head of the noted Shenandoah Valley, and borders on the north on the West Va. line. The Blue Ridge mountains form its eastern boundary, dividing it from Loudoun and Fauquier counties. Warren county is on the south and Frederick on the west. The Shenandoah river flows through the eastern part of the county, at the foot of the Blue Ridge.

In aggregate agricultural wealth Clarke county is probably the richest county in the State. The exhaustless fertility of her soil, the healthfulness of her climate, and the beauty of her diversified landscape are subjects that charm the tongue of all who have ever visited this county. The surface of the main part of the county, lying between the Shenandoah and the Opequon rivers, is gently undulating—just sufficiently for drainage. The soil is peculiarly adapted to the growth of wheat and corn, clover and timothy. Fine fields of Kentucky. It belongs to the limestone formation—the limestone being readily obtained on almost every farm for building purposes and for burning into lime. Besides wheat, corn and hay, which are the chief productions and for which a ready market is found in Baltimore, 120 miles distant by rail, all kinds of fruits in this latitude are grown, and apples are produced on some farms in large quantities. Large numbers of cattle, sheep and hogs are grazed and fed, and sold in Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York markets, and many fine horses sold to city buyers.

Good roads traverse the county in every direction, and four macadamized turnpikes centre at Berryville, the county-seat, which contains a population of about 1000. There are eight churches in the town, and good private and public schools—school houses situated by county and State being located at convenient points all over the county. Taxation at a cash valuation of property is about \$1 on the \$100 for all purposes—State, county, schools and roads.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad, a road managed with a view of building up the country through which it passes, extends through the centre of the county in its northern and southern course, affording ready means for travel or shipments of products either north or south. Besides this railroad, we are looking hopefully for the extension of the Washington Ohio and Western from Round Hill, its present terminus—distant from Berryville 16 miles—which will cross the county from east to west, giving us all the railroad facilities we could desire, and placing us by rail within 60 miles of the national capital.

Clarke county, sooner or later, is destined to become the seat of manufacturing industries, because of her extensive and virgin deposits of brown hematite ores. Shaf's, sunk on one farm alone led the expert making the investigation to conclude that a million tons of iron ore could be mined at that place. These ore deposits are found in the river hills, distant from Berryville only five miles, and the surveyed route of the Wash. O. & W. R. R. runs through these rich deposits. They will eventually tempt capitalists to develop them, and their development will add to the value of the real estate of the county.

As a general thing the farms in this county are large. Were they cut up into small tracts like those in the Cumberland Valley, Pa., the number of farms and population of the county would more than double. There is no good reason why outside parties wishing to invest in these lands may not combine for their purchase and arrange for a di-hickory, locust, &c.

On Shenandoah river, 100 acres of bottom land, plenty of timber, well watered. Improvements its good. Price \$40 an acre and terms accommodating.

FARM OF 56 ACRES, of first quality limestone land, one-half mile from Berryville with running water. Elevated building site on it, taking in a grand mountain and landscape view. Price \$60 per acre.

FARM OF 400 ACRES, on Shenandoah river, 3 miles from station on N. & W. R. R. 150 acres river bottom; 75 acres of timber. Well improved.

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FARM OF 230 ACRES, near Millwood; improvements first-class, and one of the most desirable homes in that locality. Price \$60 per acre.

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FARM OF 230 ACRES; on Shenandoah river; 100 acres river and creek bottoms; abundance of timber, well watered; good improvements, barn, &c.

FARM OF 128 ACRES, lying near the Old Chapel, improved with frame dwelling, abundance of timber and fine stream of running water; well fenced; land in excellent state of cultivation, limestone. Price \$50 per acre.

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HOUSE AND LOT, On East Main street. House has 7 rooms. Lot 60 feet front by 180 feet front; running water on the lot. Price \$3000.

HOUSE AND LOT OF 3 ACRES, In Millwood. House two-story brick with wing. Stable and all out-buildings on the lot. Price \$3000.

14 ACRE LOT with good house of 4 rooms above basement. Price \$6000.

2 ACRE LOT, with house of 4 rooms—stable and large building suited for factory or shop of any kind. Price \$800.

HOUSE OF 4 ROOMS in Berryville on Rice St., 2 of an acre, cistern, &c. Price \$800.

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NEW FRAME HOUSE, 4 rooms, on East Main street, Berryville. Price \$700.

LOT adjoining above, 27 ft. front by 170 ft. deep. Price \$600, or for both; \$1200.

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